

16 die in auto crash

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AT least 16 people died in Aramoko Ekiti, Ekiti State on Monday in a road accident involving a fuel-laden truck and a commercial bus.

The Lagos-bound bus left Ado-Ekiti, the state capital with a full load of 18 passengers before it collided it had a collision with the fuel truck.

The bus has Oyo State registration number XA352LUY.

As at the time of this report only a two-month old baby that was strapped to the back of its dead mother and a cleric survived the gory accident.

Also, eight persons were feared dead in two separate automobile accidents in Ondo State.

One of the accidents which occurred on Saturday on Ore-Okitipupa Road claimed three lives. Five persons died in the other one which occurred on Monday on Akure- Ondo Road.

Our correspondent learn that a House of Assembly candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party from Ese-Odo, Mr Michael Reju, was among the victims of the Ore-Okitipupa crash.

He was said to be returning from a campaign rally when the accident happened.

Reju's death was confirmed to our correspondent on the telephone by the PDF State Secretary, Chief Eddy Olafeso.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission in the state, Mr Ahmed Hassan, said three vehicles were involved in the accident which occurred on the Ondo-Akure Road.